

White Pine County
Water Resources Plan
Goals, Objectives, Strategies

Goal:

1. Maintain White Pine County's environmental quality

Objective:

1. Maintain existing conditions as a base

Strategy

1. Complete a water resources inventory and baseline
2. Identify areas of critical environmental concern where resources are vulnerable to changes in quality and quantity of water resources
3. Establish standards of environmental quality to support existing conditions
4. Monitor water resources routinely
5. Establish and implement preventive measures to maintain environmental quality

2. Restore and improve environmental quality

1. Based on the water resources inventory and baseline, identify areas which have experienced a decline in environmental quality due to changing conditions in water resources
2. Develop and implement strategies to remediate loss of environmental quality in the areas identified
Strategies may include landscape restoration, acquisition of water rights, and restrictions on land use
3. Monitor and measure progress in restoring environmental quality

3. Promote continued environmental quality

1. Identify and implement conservation strategies to promote wise use of water resources
2. Conduct an annual review of progress in meeting environmental quality goals and objectives, revise annual work plans to continue to address observed changes in environmental quality, especially in areas of critical concern

2006 Recommendations:

1. Establish a County Natural Resource Department to provide staff and expertise required to carry out the water resources program.

2. Complete the water resources inventory and baseline, identify areas of critical environmental concern, areas demonstrating loss of environmental quality, and standards of environmental quality.

3. Initiate a monitoring program.

4. Establish procedures for annual review and implementation of strategies to maintain and improve environmental quality.

5. Complete update to County Land Use Plan and Public Land Use Policy and integrate recommendations with Water Resource Plan.



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Goal 2: Meet the needs of the citizens of White Pine County

1. Diversify White Pine County's economic base to support jobs, business activity, and tax revenue to meet the needs of White Pine County residents
 1. Balance need for water resources to support existing economic sectors with needs of new and emerging industrial sectors.
 2. Balance need for water resources to support growing recreation and leisure development with the needs for primary industrial activity
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1. Maintain and improve the quality of life for White Pine County citizens
 1. Support Open Space and outdoor recreation requirements to maintain rural life style for White Pine County citizens
 2. Strengthen and stabilize White Pine County's economy to provide revenue required to support facilities and services to meet the needs of the County's citizens.

2006 Recommendations:

1. Identify economic development potential by industrial sector for each hydrographic basin in White Pine County

2. Identify Steptoe Valley as an area of special concern because of the range of economic activity requiring water resources

3. Coordinate recommendations of White Pine County's land use plan, Open Space Plan, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy with the Water Resources Plan.